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SUBJECT: ANC EXPRESSES REGRET FOR DEATH OF SA POLICEMEN

REF: CAPE TOWN 925 (NOTAL)

1. ZAMBIAN AND RHODESIAN RADIOS DEC 29 REPORTED STATEMENT PREVIOUS DAY BY ANC ACTING PRES ELIOTT GABELLAH EXPRESSING REGRET OF HIS ORGANIZATION OVER KILLING OF FOUR SOUTH AFRICAN POLICEMEN (REFTEL). GABELLAH EXPLAINED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN EASY TO CONTACT ZIMBABWEAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN NORTHEASTERN RHODESIA REGARDING CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT REACHED DEC 11 WITH SMITH REGIME AND IT IS GOING TO BE SOME TIME BEFORE MESSAGE REACHES EVERYBODY. ANY INCIDENTS CONTINUING AFTER DEC 11 WERE REGRETTEED, GABELLAH SAID, AND IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WAS "ONE OF THOSE ISOLATED INCIDENTS THAT WILL NOT OCCUR AGAIN."

2. COMMENT: PROMPT ANC EXPRESSION OF REGRET

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FOR KILLINGS SHOULD ENCOURAGE SAG CONTINUE TO TREAT

INCIDENT WITH RESTRAINT AND THEREBY HELP PREVENT
INCIDENT FROM DISTURBING PROGRESS TOWARD ANY
RHODESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT. GABELLAH
EXPLANATION THAT SOMEONE JUST DID NOT GET THE WORD
IS PROBABLE. FACT THAT PUBLICLY ANC HAS AGREED
TO CALL DE JURE CEASE-FIRE ONLY AFTER DATE FOR
CONVENING OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE HAS BEEN
FIXED ALSO LEAVES ROOM FOR MISUNDERSTANDING BY
GUERRILLA FORCES IN FIELD THAT DE FACTO CEASE-FIRE WAS
SUPPOSED TO GO INTO EFFECT FROM DEC 11. HOWEVER,
LIKE DIE BURGER, WE CANNOT ENTIRELY AVOID WONDERING
TO WHAT DEGREE EXPANDED ANC LEADERSHIP IS ACTUALLY
ABLE EXERCISE CONTROL OVER ZANU AND OTHER FREEDOM
FIGHTERS IN BUSH. LATTER NO DOUBT STILL HAVE OLD SCORES
TO SETTLE WITH RHODESIANS AND THEIR SOUTH AFRICAN
ALLIES AND IT MAY BE LESS EASY TO PERSUADE THEM
TO IMPLEMENT CEASE-FIRE THAN CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP
THINKS.
WILKOWSKI

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